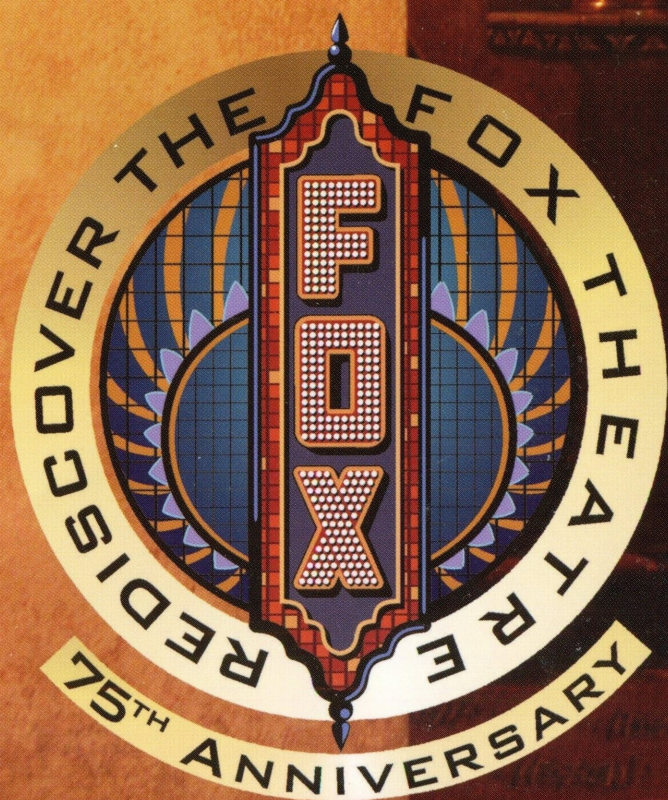
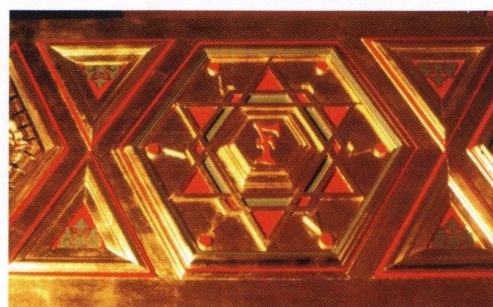
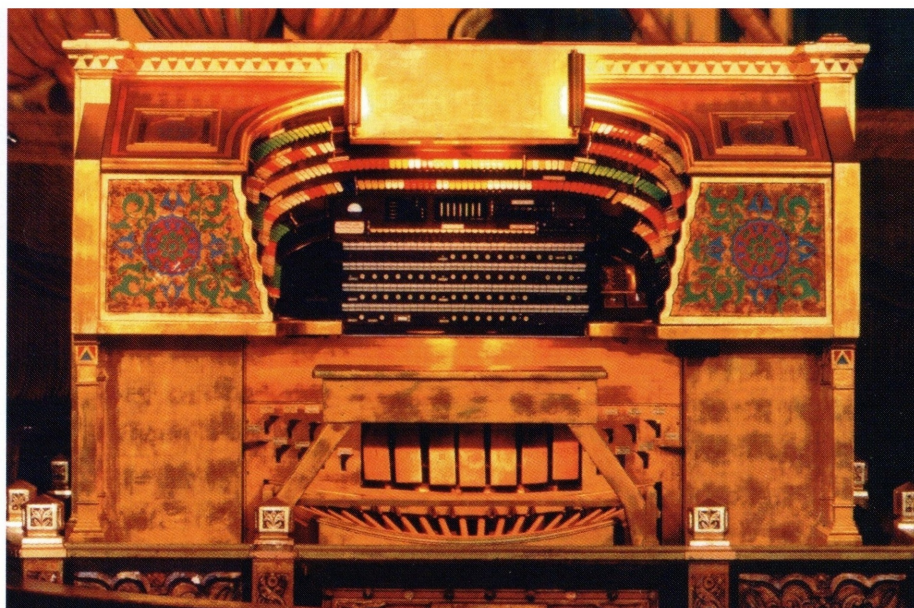


The **DECORATIVE** **ARTS**

of The Fabulous Fox Theatre





A GRAND MUSIC BOX

Custom-made for The Fox Theatre in 1929 by M. P. Möller Inc. of Hagerstown, Maryland, the giant Möller theatre organ, familiarly and affectionately known as Mighty Mo, is considered the theatre's crown jewel, a masterpiece of organ design. It is the second-largest theatre organ in the world, surpassed in size by the Wurlitzer at New York's Radio City Music Hall. It boasts 42 ranks, four manual and 376 stop tabs. The organ's 3,622 pipes, spread out over five chambers, range in size from a ballpoint pen to 32 feet tall and big enough around for a person to stand in. Powered by a 75-horsepower motor, the electro-pneumatically operated instrument is so vast it has real instruments contained in it such as a marimba, xylophone and glockenspiel. It can also produce sounds resembling a clarinet, trumpet, saxophone and all other orchestral instruments, as well as sounds such as thunder, chimes, a fire bell and a steamboat whistle. The organ's keyboard can be used remotely to play the theatre's grand piano (which is not an original piece). Besides its impressive range, Mighty Mo is a beautiful box piece, trimmed with 22-carat decorative gilt and colorfully painted designs that glow with a warm patina when lit.

THE MÖLLER ORGAN

The elaborate and complicated instrument (top) right was rebuilt from the inside out, including more than 36,000 feet (nearly seven miles) of new wire. Decorative panels (above) were regilt in 22-carat gilt and paint. Then Technical Director Joe Patten initially began the restoration in 1963; the organ was later fully restored with a grant from the late Ben Massell, a devotee of the Fox Theatre. Pipes are hidden behind elaborate screened chambers .